

Timberbank Times

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Principal's Message



Dear Timberbank Parents/Guardians,

It has certainly been an exciting start to 2011. The snow flurries continue to fall upon us and Timberbank continues to be a flurry of activity.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding as TDSB closed its schools due to the weather conditions on Wednesday, February 2nd. The safety of our students and staff is our number one priority and for this reason we hope that you will agree that the correct decision was made.

At Timberbank, our students continue to make us proud as they auditioned for the 125th TDSB Spring Music Festival. Their Orff performance brought tears to our eyes and whether they make it or not, we know how great they all are! We also celebrated Lunar New Year (the Year of the Rabbit) in fine form with wonderful performances on Monday, February 7th. Thanks to those who were able to attend our Assembly. Gung Hey Fat Choy!

It sounds like we have been only having a lot of fun here. However this is only partially true, because the academics still remain strong as teachers have been gathering evidence of student work to prepare the Term 1 Report Cards. Assessment of student learning will be formalized in a new report card. For more information about the new format for grades 1 to 6, please visit www.tdsb.on.ca and follow the links on Assessment.

Parents/Guardians have an opportunity to address any questions or concerns during the evening of February 17th or the morning of February 18th.

We look forward to seeing you over the next couple of weeks. Remember to keep warm during these frosty days.

Mrs. Anna Epitropou

Upcoming Dates

Feb 14	Valentine's Day
Feb 14	Girls Vball Tournament (AM) @ St. Andrew's JH / Character Ed presentation (PM)
Feb 15	Report Cards Go Home
Feb 17	Evening Parent/Teacher Interviews
Feb 18	PA Day - No School - Morning Parent/Teacher Interviews
Feb 19	Family Day - No School
Feb 23	Kindergarten Registration - Full-day program for Sept. 2011
Feb 24	In-School Speech Arts (AM); Boys Bball Tournament @ Vradenburg (PM)
Feb 25	Grade 6s leave for Kearney (Outdoor Education Centre)
Feb 28	Grade 6s return from Kearney
Mar 3	School Council Meeting in the Library @ 6:30 pm
Mar 4	Favourite Character Day



ATHLETICS:**Primary and Junior Houseleague @ Lunch**

Our students have been placed into their four mascot houses: Moose; Bears; Cougars and Hawks. Primary games take place on Tuesdays and Junior games take place on Thursdays. What a great way to promote fitness and active life styles!

Boys Basketball: Our boys team has been working hard and we wish them the best of luck in their season! Our team: Arthiran; Haristan; Jacky; John; Safiullah; Sendoran; Weyman; and William.



Girls Volleyball: Our girls team has been selected and they have their tournament on February 14th. Best of luck girls! Our team: Atsana; Deepikka; Joanne; Mona; Reshma; Sangheertha; Sarraneya; and Zarian.



Special thanks to the coaches for their hard work: Ms Keith; Mrs. Walker; Mr. O'Connor and Ms Kwok and our volunteer coach: Anujan

Folkfest

Our practices have begun and we are busy learning over 15 dances in preparation for the big Jambo-ree in May. Our group of 30 students meet every Monday in the gym at lunch to get ready for the big day.



Happy Dancing all!

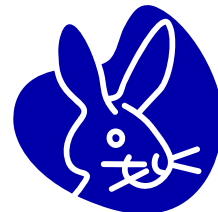
**Family Fun Night**

What a great evening! Parents, brothers, sisters, grandparents and many students playing games in our gym and learning about Healthy Eating in our Library. Thanks for making it a great night everyone!

**Happy Lunar New Year!**

It is the Year of the RABBIT!

We were so pleased that many of you were able to be a part of our Lunar New Year celebration on Monday, February 7th. Once again the Timberbank students did an amazing job to celebrate the Lunar New Year and we thank the International Language Classes for being a part of our celebration!





Staying “ON T.R.A.C.K.”



On February 7th, we had our third “On TRACK” assembly. Congratulations to the following students who were recognized for their **ATTITUDE & ACHIEVEMENT...**

Mrs. Ball’s am class: Anjana; Ashvina; Raveena; and Raymond

Ms Chan’s am class: Abinaya; Angela; Daniel; Hishany; Miriam; and Varun

Mrs. Ball’s pm class: Kayla; Patrick; Shane; and Thanusi

Mrs. Jeung’s class: Justin; Nathaniel; and Raymond

Mrs. Aziz’s class: Karshan; Kashwine; and Vithushika

Ms Hwang/Mr. Mirshahi’s class: Feroz and Jessica

Mrs. Walker’s class: Brenda; Jia Liang; Taylor; and Varshini

Ms Persaud’s class: Aakarshan; Ahmed; Grace; and Zaid

Mrs. Lee-Davis’ class: Abbiram; Khloe; Rameez; Safiullah; and Taylor

Mr. O’Connor’s class: Cissy; Matthew; Sarraneya; and William

Our students did a great job at our assembly! Special thanks to Ms Chan and Mrs. Jeung for organizing our Assembly.

During the months of February and March, we will be focusing on **COOPERATION, COMMITMENT & COURTESY**. We hope that our students recognize the importance of staying “On TRACK” every day!

International Languages - March Break Camp



International Languages - Elementary Program with support of Focus on Youth offers a March Break Camp held from March 14 to March 18, 2011 for students JK to Grade 8. Classes combine language learning (half day) with activities (half day). Five languages are offered - one language a day. Activities include arts, games and sports. A camp fee of \$55 per child includes lunch and healthy snacks. Daycare is available from 4 to 6 pm for an added cost of \$20. Please see attached flyer for more registration details.

Kindergarten Registration: Wednesday, February 23rd, 2011

We will be registering for our Full-Day Kindergarten Program for September 2011 on Wednesday, February 23rd. Please visit our office and you will need the following information about your child to register: 1) **Proof of Age** (birth certificate or passport); 2) **Proof of Address** (two pieces of identification that show your address); 3) **Immunization** (card that shows a list of needles your child has received; and 4) If your child was not born in Canada verification of date of arrival is required.

Gentle Reminders:

- When your child is absent or late, please give us a call to let us know at **416-396-6860** and **press 1 to leave a message**. For your convenience, the **Safe Arrival voice mailbox is available 24 hours each day**. All students arriving late or leaving early should sign in and/or out at the main office with a parent or designated caregiver. We appreciate your help in this matter.
- **Lates:** Please remember the importance of starting the day on the right foot! We have many students arriving late and we are asking your help to get them to school on time. Try setting your alarm clock 5 minutes earlier...it might just help! The students are asked to enter through their assigned door at the back of the school. There are student ambassadors on duty until the final entry bell to let students in.



READ & WRITE GOLD

This past week our students from grades 2 to 6 received training for a new licensed software that is being used in TDSB.



Read and Write Gold is designed to provide literacy support for students of all ages and abilities. It supports a Universal Design of Learning Model and aids students in completing, reading, writing and research assignments. Read and Write Gold is now available to all schools in the TDSB. All students also have access to this software for home use (PC computers). To download and install 1 home installation of Read & Write, please enter the following URL in your web browser: <http://www.texthelp.com/toronto.asp>

Once the TDSB page is displayed, enter in your **Username: TDSB** and **Password: 4500677672** and follow the installation instructions. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Mrs. Epitropou at the school for clarification.



Timberbank Band News



Have you heard the news? Our very own Timberbank Band is a part of the “Seasonal Celebration” at the Markham Theatre on Sunday, December 5th, at 2pm. Tickets were ordered through our school office. However, if you did not get a chance to purchase them, you can do so at the Box Office on Sunday. We are very proud of our incredible band and their dedication to our music band program. Thanks goes out to Mr. Manning for his hard work as our itinerant band instructor. And of course, a special thanks to Ms Hwang for the numerous hours of dedication to our band.

Our amazing band members are:

Flute: Anjali, Birathayini, Gayathiri, Joanne, Sophia, Teresa

Clarinet: Iqra, Isabel, Mona, Sangheertha, Tracy

Trumpet: Abi, Anda, Sarraneya, William

Trombone: Abiram, Atsana, Robert

Percussion: Birathesh, Katherine, Reshma

Baritone: Rameez, Varan

Alto Sax: Arthiran, Weyman

French Horn: Taha Tuba: John



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Reminder!

- **Flu Season** is here again and it tends to run from October to April. The best way to protect yourself from getting the flu is to get the flu shot each year. We ask that everyone do their part to stop the spread of the flu. Helpful tips: wash your hands often; cover your sneeze and cough; and stay home when ill. For more information, please see page 5/6 of our newsletter or visit the Public Health website at www.toronto.ca/health